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1. ALTHOUGH AUSTRIAN UPPER HOUSE JOINED LOWER HOUSE
IN APPROVING UNANIMOUSLY AUSTRIA-GDR CONSULAR TREATY,
PEOPLE'S PARTY MEMBER PROFESSOR HERBERT SCHAMBECH
COMMENTED FOR RECORD THAT AGREEMENT WOULD DISCRIMINATE
AGAINST AUSTRIAN CONSULAR PERSONNEL IN GDR. HE SAID
AUSTRIAN PENALTY FOR ESPIONAGE WAS "NOT MORE THAN
FIVE YEARS" BUT GDR PENALTY FOR ESPIONAGE WAS "AT
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LEAST FIVE YEARS;" THUS AGREEMENT PROVISION LIMITING

HOST COUNTRY'S RIGHT TO ARREST CONSULAR PERSONNEL
TO OFFENSES SUBJECT TO PENALTY OF FIVE YEARS OR MORE
WOULD SUBJECT AUSTRIAN PERSONNEL IN GDR TO POSSIBLE
ARREST FOR ESPIONAGE BUT PRECLUDE ARREST FOR ESPIONAGE
OF GDR PERSONNEL IN AUSTRIA.

2. SCHAMBECH DEPLORED AUSTRIA'S HAVING STRAYED FROM
UN CONSULAR CONVENTION IN ACCORDING SPECIAL RIGHTS
TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES SUCH AS USSR, ROMANIA, POLAND
AND GDR. HE SAID HE DOUBTED AGREEMENT GAVE ANY
EFFECTIVE PROTECTION TO AUSTRIANS WHO HAVE BEEN
REQUIRED TO ACCEPT GDR CITIZENSHIP.BUCHANAN

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